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The invention further provides a process for surface treatment with high productivity, which is applied on titanium or titanium alloy tableware to impart the above-mentioned excellent appearance quality to the tableware.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 21 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Still further, the invention solves the problems associated with the prior art as described above by providing a substrate having a hard decorative coating film, which is free

from the occurrence of marring on the decorative coating film and formation of irregularities on the substrate surface even if a strong force is applied to the coating film surface, wherein the coating film resists separation. The invention also provides a process for producing the substrate.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

The invention further provides a titanium or titanium alloy substrate coated with a hard decorative coating film having a durable, beautiful surface even after long periods of use which retains its excellent quality and appearance.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

In view of the problems associated with the prior art as described above, it is a further object of the invention to provide cutlery which is lightweight, likely to float on water, has an easy grip and a good touch, and is decorative and inexpensive.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 13 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

It is a further object of the invention to make it possible to wash the present cutlery easily by providing buoyancy to the cutlery so as to permit it to float on water.

**Please replace the section heading beginning at page 7, line 17 with the following rewritten section heading:**

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 21 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

wherein the surface hardened layer comprises a first hardened layer which is formed in the region of an arbitrary depth from the surface and in which nitrogen and oxygen are

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**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 26 with the written paragraph:**

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Fig. 16 is a graph showing results of the measurement of Vickers hardness versus treating temperature of a member having been surface hardened, in the substrate having a hard decorative coating film according to the invention and the process for producing the same.